recommendations contained in a note by one of the Members of the Retrenchment Committee and since Government have got to pass orders on the Retrenchment Committee report Government will have to consider this question.

Transfer of students of the St. Albert's High School, Ernakulam to the Sirkar High School—order of.

191. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 students belonging to the St. Albert's High School, Ernakulam, were asked to take their transfer certificates and join the local Sirkar High School;

(b) what is the policy underlying this action of the Department;

(c) is it as a measure of retrenchment;

(d) which is cheaper to maintain—a division in a Sirkar School or a division in an aided school, so far as expenditure to the Government is concerned?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—(a) Yes. But it was subsequently cancelled on the petition of guardians pointing out the difficulties if the order was enforced.

(b) To avoid duplication of facilities in Secondary Education.

(c) It is a way to avoid unnecessary expenditure.

(d) A division in an aided school.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*.—May I know whether there is any provision in the Education Code compelling students to take transfer certificate and seek admission elsewhere?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—There is no such provision. But the Code provides that the authorities can refuse admission or that they should discontinue. The authorities at the time of refusing do also point out a means of overcoming the inconvenience.

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